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As there have been several changes in the nomenclature of the genus of late, I deem it wise to revise my list in conformity therewith.

Our Pacific coast *Erythroniums* are the finest known. All are large of flower except *E purpurascens*, and differ but little in that respect. They differ much in time of flowering. *E Hartwegii* is very early. It is followed by *E revolutum praecox*, then *E Hendersonii*, *E grandiflorum* type, *E grandiflorum album*, and *E purpurascens* follow. The next in flower is *E revolutum*, var *Bolanderii*, followed quickly by *E revolutum*, var *Johnsonii*. Next comes *E giganteum* and *E revolutum* type. *E revolutum*, var *5*, lingers after all of the foregoing have gone, and *E montanum* comes weeks later. The delicate shadings, from white to bright yellow, while very difficult to describe are easily caught by the eye and give a charming variety. Accompanied as they are by difference in flowering season, habit, and mottling of leaves, a charming chain of variations is given, no link of which we would willingly lose.

SECTION 1, STYLE THREE CLEFT.

E GRANDIFLORUM TYPE.—Leaves unmottled, 15 flowered, stem slender, petals recurved, flowers very bright yellow, anthers yellow. I distributed this last year as *E Nuttallianum*, and under that name it has been exhibited during the spring in London, and has been greatly admired. Per 100, \$4.50; per 1000, \$30 00

E NUTTALLIANUM TRUE—In no way differs from foregoing except in having red anthers. I have no bulbs of this.

E GRANDIFLORUM VAR ALBUM—Like *E grandiflorum* but the flowers are white, yellowish at center, and with a slight greenish tinge. I have distributed this for two years past as *E grandiflorum* type. A very fine species. Per 100, \$4.50; per 1000, \$30.00

VAR. 1. E REVOLUTUM TYPE.—Leaves mottled in white and light brown, one to four, nearly always one or two flowers, stem stout, petals narrow and recurved, style large and stout, filaments from subulate (awl shaped) to deltoid (triangular), flowers opening from white flushed with pink to pinkish purple, becoming purple. Mr. Baker the well known authority, pronounces this the true *E revolutum*. Listed last year as *E revolutum*, large purple. Per 100, \$3.00; per 1000, \$30 00.

VAR. 2. E REVOLUTUM VAR BOLANDERII. (E Smithii).—Differing from No. 1 in having white flowers tardily becoming purple, and in being smaller. Per 100, \$3 00; per 1000 \$20.00.

VAR. 3. E REVOLUTUM VAR JOHNSONII (E Johnsonii)—Very similar to No. 1, but leaves mottled in dark brown and looking as if coated with varnish, and flowers dark rose with orange center. A

fine colored plate of this was published in London Garden, Feb. 20, 1897. Per 100, \$6 00; per 1000, \$45.00.

VAR. 4, *E REVOLUTUM* VAR *PRAECOX*.—In this charming variety which from its flowering much earlier I have named *Praecox*, the leaves are mottled in mahogany, the most beautiful in any *Erythronium*. The flowers usually 2-4, are creamy with orange center. I distributed a few of these in 1896 as *E citrinum*. Per 100, \$3.00; per 1000 \$20.00.

VAR 5, *E REVOLUTUM*, UNNAMED SPECIES.—This differs in having a full creamy flower, orange at center, and usually banded with brown above the base. In cool or foggy weather the flower is bell shaped. One of the very finest of *Erythroniums*. Leaves mottled in brown. This according to Watson is the type of *E revolutum*, but as according to Baker, var. 1 is the true type, it must be given a varietal name. Per 100, \$3.00; per 1000, \$20.00.

VAR. 6, *E REVOLUTUM* VAR *ALBIFLORUM*.—This only differs from var. 5 in being pure white, with a delicate greenish caste. It was figured perfectly in plate 919 Horto Van Houtteano which is Krelages plate 1001 A. Also called *E giganteum* var *albiflorum* and *E grandiflorum* var *albiflorum*. I regret to say that while I have a supply in sight, which from good authority I believe to be this sort, I was unable to verify it by the flowers this season. Per 100, \$4.50; per 1000, \$30.00.

E GIGANTEUM.—Leaves richly mottled in dark brown, scape one to sixteen flowered, slender, filaments slender, flower closely recurved, straw colored, orange at the center. The most floriferous, and one of the finest of *Erythroniums*. Long known as *E grandiflorum*. Per 100, \$1.50; per 1000, \$10.00.

E MONTANUM.—Like *E giganteum* in flower, but pure white with orange center. Leaves not mottled. Per 100, \$4.50; per 1000, \$30.00.

SECTION 2, STYLE NOT DIVIDED.

E CITRINUM.—Leaves mottled, stem 1-3 flowered, petals broad, strongly recurved, light yellow, orange at center, the tips becoming pink. I have never had this species, and do not know of its ever being distributed. The mottled leaves and undivided style, with yellow flowers, mark it clearly. I have none.

E HENDERSONII.—Leaves mottled in dark brown, petals strongly recurved, pale purple with a very dark purple, almost black center. Per 100, \$4 50; 1000, \$30.00.

E PURPURASCENS.—Leaves not mottled, shaded in dark metallic tints. The small spreading flowers crowded in a raceme. Color, light yellow (almost white), center orange, becoming purplish. The smallest of our *Erythroniums*. Properly an alpine. Per 100, \$4.50; per 1000, \$30 00.

E HOWELLII.—Leaves mottled, scape 1-3 flowered, flower pale yellow with orange base, becoming pinkish. Of our Pacific coast *Erythroniums* this alone is destitute of the ear shaped appendages at inner base of petal. I have none.

